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Letter dated 10 April 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to write to you concerning the Final Declaration of the Fifth Institutionalized Ministerial Meeting between the European Union and the Rio Group, held in Paris on 16 and 17 March 1995.

In paragraph 7 of the Final Declaration, the representatives of the two groups made the following statement with respect to the territorial dispute between Ecuador and Peru: "The Ministers noted with satisfaction the signing of the Itamaraty Peace Declaration between Ecuador and Peru, and the Montevideo Declaration. They also expressed satisfaction at the participation of the Guarantor Countries of the 1942 Rio de Janeiro Protocol in the restoration of peace between Ecuador and Peru".

Furthermore, in a passage of his opening statement to the Fifth Ministerial Meeting, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of France, Mr. Alain Juppé, speaking on behalf of the Presidency of the European Union, stated: "Thus, on 1 February 1995, the European Union took the initiative of inviting Ecuador and Peru to seek a peaceful solution to their border dispute. Aware of the role played by the four Guarantor Countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States of America), it welcomes the agreements reached at Brasilia and Montevideo. This positive outcome, which we hope to see firmly consolidated, creates a favourable climate for continued efforts to bring our two regions closer together. Naturally, we are prepared to share this experience with you."

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 74, and of the Security Council.

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